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September 22, 2009

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REPORT ON ARTS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2009 SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION BUDGET)

On June 22, 2009, on the motion of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, the Chief Executive Officer was instructed to work with the Executive Director of the Arts Commission to improve and revamp the Arts Internship Program (Program) to make it more competitive for funding in FY 2010-11 from other sources; identify other grant sources to help underwrite the cost of the Program in FY 2010-11; and report back in writing every three months on the progress on these items. In addition, the motion to restore funding in the amount of \$500,000 to the Program in FY 2009-10 was continued to Supplemental Changes in September.

Due to the uncertainties surrounding the current economic downturn as well as the State's budget impact, we do not recommend the use of net County cost to fund the Program. Instead, we recommend that we aggressively pursue alternate funding sources that can fund and sustain the Program. Based on our exploration of various programs offering potential sources of funding, as well as program improvements with the Arts Commission, we have identified the following options that in aggregate, may allow the Program to continue and provide Arts Internship opportunities without utilizing limited County resources.

- Pursue Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Emergency Contingency Fund (TANF ECF), which is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Working in conjunction with the Department of Public Social Services, our goal is to hire and place at least 100 individuals through this funding. Following are two specific plans associated for this funding:

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- Work with various Arts Organizations to directly employ TANF ECF CalWORKs participants through the South Bay Work Investment Board and the 30 workforce centers. These may be internships or assistant type positions; and
 - Work with all of the community college districts in the County to develop an arts organization internship program by targeting a population of over 2,000 CalWORKs students at community colleges who are eligible for the TANF ECF program.
- Work with Arts Organizations to cover internship administrative costs and request the larger organizations to supplement hiring of interns using their resources.
 - Explore the option of establishing an arts organizational internship program which offers college credit instead of payment. This option, based on the Department of Human Resources' existing Community-Based Enterprise Education Program, should be broached with local colleges and universities for a program beginning in summer 2010.

We will continue to work with the Arts Commission and inform you of the progress. If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Ellen Sandt at (213) 974-1186 or your staff may contact James Yun at (213) 893-2072.

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